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Observer status for the Regional Centre on Small Arms and Light Weapons in the Great Lakes Region and the Horn of Africa in the General Assembly

Report of the Sixth Committee

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I. Introduction

1. The item entitled "Observer status for the Regional Centre on Small Arms and Light Weapons in the Great Lakes Region and the Horn of Africa in the General Assembly" was included in the provisional agenda of the sixty-second session of the General Assembly at the request of Kenya.
2. At its 3rd plenary meeting, on 21 September 2007, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include the item in its agenda and to allocate it to the Sixth Committee.
3. The Sixth Committee considered the item at its 10th and 13th meetings, on 19 and 23 October 2007. The views of the representatives who spoke during the Committee's consideration of the item are reflected in the relevant summary records (A/C.6/SR.10 and 13).
4. For its consideration of the item, the Committee had before it a letter dated 24 May 2007 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Kenya to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/62/141).

II. Consideration of draft resolution A/C.6/62/L.2/Rev.1

5. At the 10th meeting, on 19 October, the representative of Kenya, on behalf of Burkina Faso, Burundi, Costa Rica, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Djibouti, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Ghana, Kenya, Lesotho, Malawi, Mali, Namibia, Nigeria, Rwanda, Seychelles, Sierra Leone, the Sudan, Uganda and the United Republic of Tanzania, introduced a draft resolution entitled "Observer status for the



Regional Centre on Small Arms and Light Weapons in the Great Lakes Region, the Horn of Africa and Bordering States in the General Assembly" (A/C.6/62/L.2/Rev.1). Subsequently, Niger and Somalia joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

6. At its 13th meeting, on 23 October, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.2/62/L.2/Rev.1 without a vote (see para. 7).

III. Recommendation of the Sixth Committee

7. The Sixth Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

Observer status for the Regional Centre on Small Arms and Light Weapons in the Great Lakes Region, the Horn of Africa and Bordering States in the General Assembly

The General Assembly,

Wishing to promote cooperation between the United Nations and the Regional Centre on Small Arms and Light Weapons in the Great Lakes Region, the Horn of Africa and Bordering States,

1. *Decides* to invite the Regional Centre on Small Arms and Light Weapons in the Great Lakes Region, the Horn of Africa and Bordering States to participate in the sessions and the work of the General Assembly in the capacity of observer;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to take the necessary action to implement the present resolution.
